CLAIMS

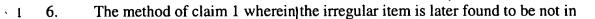
What is claimed is:

We claim:

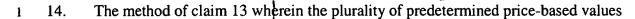
- 1 1. A method of filtering out item data in a report in network-based auction facilities
- 2 comprising:
- receiving data concerning multiple items having a price-based value associated
- 4 with at least one item; and
- removing irregular data concerning an irregular item having a price-based value
- 6 greater than a predetermined price-based value from a representation of the data.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein removing the irregular data concerning the
- 2 irregular item having a price-based value greater than the predetermined price-based
- 3 value comprises setting an irregular item flag for the irregular item having a price-based
- 4 value greater than the predetermined price-based value; and
 - using only items having an irregular item flag that is not set for data computations
- 6 and reports.

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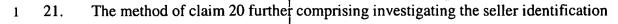
- 1 3. The method of claim 2 wherein the irregular item flag of each item having an
- 2 irregular item flag set may be unset if the item is found to be legitimate.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein removing the irregular data concerning the
- 2 irregular item having a price-based value greater than the predetermined price-based
- 3 value comprises deleting the irregular data from data computations and reports.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the irregular item has a bid that is later found to
- 2 be not genuine.



- 2 existence.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1 wherein the data is generated after predetermined time
- 2 intervals and includes information from auctions ending during the predetermined time
- 3 intervals.
- 1 8. The method of claim 1 further comprising generating a finance report based on
- 2 the representation of the data.
- 1 9. The method of claim 1 further comprising generating a category summary report
- 2 based on the representation of the data.
- 1 10. The method of claim 1 further comprising generating a daily statistics report
- 2 based on the representation of the data.
- 1 11. The method of claim 1 further comprising converting the price-based values of
- the multiple items from a first currency to a second currency and choosing the
- 3 predetermined price-based value from a plurality of predetermined price-based values
- 4 based on the first currency.
- 1 12. The method of claim 11 wherein the plurality of predetermined price-based values
- 2 are in a table format.
- 1 13. The method of claim 1 further comprising choosing the predetermined price-
- 2 based value from a plurality of predetermined price-based value based on a category in
- which the irregular item was auctioned within the network-based auction facility.

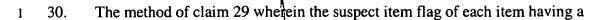


- 2 are in a table format.
- 1 15. The method of claim 1 wherein the price-based value comprises a selling price of
- 2 the irregular item.
- 1 16. The method of claim 1 wherein the price-based value comprises a fee set by a
- 2 network-based auction facility based on the selling price of the irregular item.
- 1 17. The method of claim 1 further comprising choosing the predetermined price based
- 2 on auction type.
- 1 18. The method of claim 1 further comprising storing a bidder identification
- 2 associated with the irregular item in an irregular user database; and
- disabling use of the network-based auction facility by a user associated with the
- 4 bidder identification in the irregular user database.
- 1 19. The method of claim 18 further comprising investigating the bidder identification
- 2 in the irregular user database and removing the bidder identification from the irregular
- 3 user database if the price-based value associated with the bidder identification is
- 4 legitimate.
- 1 20. The method of claim 1 further comprising storing a seller identification associated
- with the irregular item in an irregular user database; and
- disabling use of the network-based auction facility by a user associated with the
- 4 seller identification in the irregular user database.



- in the irregular user database and removing seller identifications from the irregular user
- database if the price-based value associated with the seller identification is legitimate.
- 1 22. A computer readable storage medium containing executable computer program
- 2 instructions which when executed cause a digital processing system to perform a method
- 3 for filtering out item data in a report in hetwork-based auction facilities, said method
- 4 comprising:
- 5 receiving data concerning multiple items having a price-based value associated
- 6 with at least one item; and
- 7 removing suspect data concerning a suspect item having a price-based value
- greater than a predetermined price-based value from a representation of the data.
- 1 23. A system for filtering out item data in a report in network-based auction facilities
- 2 comprising:
- means for receiving data concerning multiple items having a price-based value
- 4 associated with at least one item; and
- 5 means for removing suspect data concerning a suspect item having a price-based
- 6 value greater than a predetermined price-based value from a representation of the data.
- 1 24. A system for filtering out item data in a report in network-based auction facilities
- 2 comprising:
- a database storing data concerning multiple items having a price-based value
- 4 associated with at least one item;
- a database engine server comprising an irregular activity monitoring system
- 6 wherein the irregular activity monitoring system removes irregular data concerning an

- 7 irregular item having a price-based value greater than a predetermined price-based value
- 8 from a representation of the data.
- 1 25. The system of claim 24 wherein the irregular activity monitoring system sets an
- 2 irregular flag for the irregular item having a price-based value greater than a
- 3 predetermined price-based value and only items having an irregular item flag that is not
- 4 set are used for data computations and reports.
- 1 26. The system of claim 25 wherein the irregular flag may be unset.
- 1 27. The system of claim 24 wherein the database stores a look-up table storing
- 2 currency conversion rates and a look-up table storing predetermined price-based values
- 3 based on auction categories.
- 1 28. A method of filtering out item data in a report in network-based auction facilities
- 2 comprising:
- receiving data concerning multiple items having a price-based value associated
- 4 with at least one item; and
- removing suspect data concerning a suspect item having a price-based value
- 6 greater than a predetermined price-based value from a representation of the data.
- 1 29. The method of claim 28 wherein removing the suspect data concerning the
- 2 suspect item having a price-based value greater than the predetermined price-based value
- 3 comprises setting a suspect item flag for the suspect item having a price-based value
- 4 greater than the predetermined price-based value; and
- using only items having a suspect item flag that is not set for data computations
- 6 and reports.



- 2 suspect item flag set may be unset if the item is found to be legitimate.
- 1 31. The method of claim 28 wherein removing the suspect data concerning the
- 2 suspect item having a price-based value greater than the predetermined price-based value
- 3 comprises deleting the suspect data from data computations and reports.
- 1 32. The method of claim 28 wherein the suspect item has a bid that is later found not
- 2 to be genuine.
- 1 33. The method of claim 28 wherein the suspect item is later found not to be in
- 2 existence.
- 1 34. The method of claim 28 wherein the data is generated after predetermined time
- 2 intervals and includes information from auctions ending during the predetermined time
- 3 intervals.
- 1 35. The method of claim 28 further comprising generating a finance report based on
- 2 the representation of the data.
- 1 36. The method of claim 28 further comprising generating a category summary report
- 2 based on the representation of the data.
- 1 37. The method of claim 28 further comprising generating a daily statistics report
- 2 based on the representation of the data.

- 1 38. The method of claim 28 further comprising converting the price-based values of
- the multiple items from a first currency to a second currency and choosing the
- 3 predetermined price-based value from a plurality of predetermined price-based values
- 4 based on the first currency.
- 1 39. The method of claim 38 wherein the plurality of predetermined price-based values
- 2 are in a table format.
- 1 40. The method of claim 28 further domprising choosing the predetermined price-
- 2 based value from a plurality of predetermined price-based value based on a category in
- which the suspect item was auctioned within the network-based auction facility.
- 1 41. The method of claim 40 wherein the plurality of predetermined price-based values
- 2 are in a table format.
- 1 42. The method of claim 28 wherein the price-based value comprises a selling price
- 2 of the suspect item.
- 1 43. The method of claim 28 wherein the price-based value comprises a fee set by a
- 2 network-based auction facility based on the selling price of the suspect item.
- 1 44. The method of claim 28 further comprising choosing the predetermined price
- 2 based on auction type.
- 1 45. The method of claim 28 further comprising storing a bidder identification
- 2 associated with the suspect item in a suspect user database; and

- disabling use of the network-based auction facility by a user associated with the
- 4 bidder identification in the suspect user database.
- 1 46. The method of claim 45 further comprising investigating the bidder identification
- 2 in the suspect user database and removing the bidder identification from the suspect user
- database if the price-based value associated with the bidder identification is legitimate.
- 1 47. The method of claim 28 further comprising storing a seller identification
- 2 associated with the suspect item in a suspect user database; and
- disabling use of the network-based auction facility by a user associated with the
- 4 seller identification in the suspect user database.
- 1 48. The method of claim 47 further domprising investigating the seller identification
- 2 in the suspect user database and removing seller identifications from the suspect user
- database if the price-based value associated with the seller identification is legitimate.
- 1 49. A computer readable storage medium containing executable computer program
- 2 instructions which when executed cause a digital processing system to perform a method
- for filtering out suspect items in reports in network-based auction facilities, said method
- 4 comprising:
- receiving data including at least one item having a price-based value associated
- 6 with each item; and
- 7 removing all items having a price-based value greater than a predetermined price-
- 8 based value from a representation of the data.
- 1 50. A system for filtering out suspect items in reports in network-based auction
- 2 facilities comprising:

3		means for receiving data including at least one item having a price-based value
4	associated with each item; and	
5		means for removing all items having a price-based value greater than a
6		predetermined price-based value from a representation of the data.
1	51.	A system for filtering out item data in a report in network-based auction facilities
2	comprising:	
3		a database storing data concerning multiple items having a price-based value
4	associated with at least one item;	
5		a database engine server comprising a irregular activity monitoring system
6	wherein the irregular activity monitoring system removes suspect data concerning a	
7	suspec	t item having a price-based value greater than a predetermined price-based value
8	from a	representation of the data.
1	52.	The system of claim 51wherein the irregular activity monitoring system sets a
2	suspect flag for the suspect item having a price-based value greater than a predetermined	
3	price-based value and only items having a suspect item flag that is not set are used for	
4	data computations and reports.	
1	53.	The system of claim 52 wherein the suspect flag may be unset.
1	54.	The system of claim 51 wherein the database stores a look-up table storing
2	currency conversion rates and a look-up table storing predetermined price-based values	
3	based on auction categories.	